



## **Envision Arlington Standing Committee**

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Remote participation via Zoom

Committee members in attendance: Greg Christiana, Kelly Lynema, Sue Doctrow, Juli Brazile, Scott Lever, Michael Brownstein, Elisabeth Carr-Jones

Members of the public: Beth Melofchik, Elizabeth Dray

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Introductions**

#### **2. Discussion of a Standing Committee representative to the Police Civilian Review Board Study Group**

Michael self-nominated for this role. Michael says he is committed to work in the community, initially conflict resolution and change management within the scope of the school system. As he read the expectations and responsibilities of the study group, he sees a lot of connections with his background. In his work on alternative schooling, he explored ways of providing schooling for kids released from penitentiaries.

Juli seconded the nomination.

Elizabeth asked about views on community policing and the history of policing. Michael cited New Haven as a model of community policing in the 1970s, having personal experience living there before Arlington. Michael discussed his experience with the police department and their methods for handling incidents in town.

Beth asked about the impact of policing on community members. Michael suggested that he and the study group should reach out to surrounding towns and cities to compare their experiences, along with broader research on cities and towns of similar size with similar demographics. Beth followed with a question about whether the study group would have a mechanism for collecting information from community members and community groups.

Standing Committee vote: 6-0 in favor of Michael's nomination.

Juli discussed the process for passing along Michael's selection to the appropriate authorities.

#### **3. New Business**

Elizabeth Dray asked about outreach for the survey. Kelly reminded the

Committee of Sue Doctrow's email outlining the communication plan and asked them to review the plan. She explained that a committee member would reach out to volunteers about posting information around town, including locations Elizabeth had previously suggested.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

This will be a Zoom meeting and registration information will be posted.

Planned dates: TBD